

I am appalled that Sinclair Broadcasting, who uses our democracy's airways free of charge, has made a decision to force their political views on those who view those airways. It is appalling, disgusting and NON-American. We are not talking about a cable station, we are talking about broadcast stations. They should show official debates, not partisan muck. It is your duty, as the body entrusted with the charge of enforcing the law, to stop this tragedy from occurring and becoming a blight on this election year.

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is also a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Again, Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.